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The Honorable Chairman and Members of
the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission
465 South King Street
Kekuanaoa Building, Room 103
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Attention: Michael Azama, Esq.

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COMMISSION

Re: Docket No. 2009-0048 – In the Matter of the Application of Molokai Public Utilities, Inc., for review and approval of rate increases; revised rate schedules; and revised rules: Updated Metering Information

Dear Commissioners and Commission Staff:

Pursuant to the Prehearing Conference Order filed on April 28, 2010, Molokai Public Utilities, Inc. ("MPU") provides the following updated information regarding metering efforts.

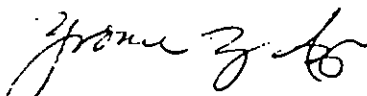
With respect to the issue of water losses (i.e., water pumped out of Well 17, but not sold to customers), information that MPU had estimates of, but no real data on, was the amount of water "lost" during the treatment process at the Puunana Water Treatment Plant. To address that issue, MPU is in the process of installing meters that measure the input of water into the plant and the output of clean water from the plant. (Cost of the meters is being borne by Molokai Properties, Limited, MPU's parent.) The attached schematic shows the locations of existing meters (indicated by "M") and the new meters (indicated by "M(future)").

Having a new meter that measures the input from the raw water reservoir into the treatment plant, along with existing meters measuring inputs from Mahana (Well 17 water) and from the Mountain Water System, may also provide a better estimate of the evaporative and other losses associated with the open Puunana raw water reservoir.

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One of the meters has already been installed. The impeller on the second meter was the wrong size, however, and is in the process of being exchanged. Thus, installation is not yet complete and consequently, MPU is unable to provide any data from the new meters at this time.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yvonne Y. Izu", written over the printed name of Michael H. Lau.

Michael H. Lau
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Attachment

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PUUNANA WATER TREATMENT PLANT

